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REMARKS

In response to the final Office Action mailed February 24, 2006, and in view of the Advisory Action mailed May 8, 2006, the Assignee submits the enclosed amendments and remarks with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE). The Advisory Action and Office Action objected to claims 17, 27, and 32 as depending on an underlying rejected base claim, but otherwise containing allowable subject-matter. The Advisory Action indicated that the rejection of claims 1-53 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, 2nd Paragraph was overcome. Moreover, the Advisory Action indicated that the rejection of claims 1-16, 18-26, 28-31, and 33-53 as being obvious was being maintained as outlined in the February 24, 2006 Office Action.

By the present amendment, independent claims 1, 9, 18, 28, 33, 36, 39, 42, 45, and 48 have been amended. Claims 1-53 are still pending in the present application. The present amendment and response is believed to traverse all of the Office Action rejections for at least the reasons presented in the remarks below.

I. REJECTION OF CLAIMS 1-16, 18-26, 28-31, AND 33-53 UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 103(A)

The Advisory Action maintained the rejection outlined in the February 24, 2006 Office Action. In particular, that Office Action rejected claims 1-16, 18-26, 28-31, and 33-53 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,073,140 to *Morgan* (hereinafter '140 *Morgan*') in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,766,327 to *Morgan* (hereinafter '327 *Morgan*'). The Office Action stated that '140 *Morgan* did not disclose the element "wherein the UCID is different from the UUID, and the UCID is capable of being distributed to a customer and the UUID is capable of being maintained without disclosure to the customer." Page 6, lines 1-4.